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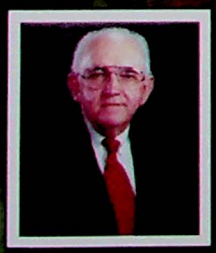

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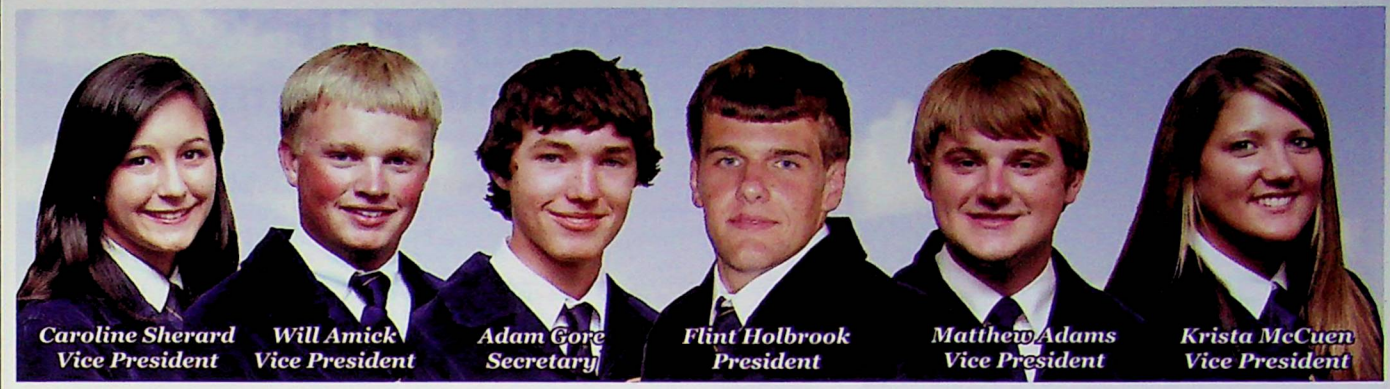
State FFA Officers Elected at Clemson Conference



K. Flint Holbrook, a senior at Clover High School, was elected state president of the South Carolina FFA Association at the closing session of the State FFA Convention at Clemson University, June 13, 2008. He is the son of Flint and Beverly Holbrook of Clover. His FFA advisor is Carrie C. Bolin, Agricultural Education instructor at Clover.

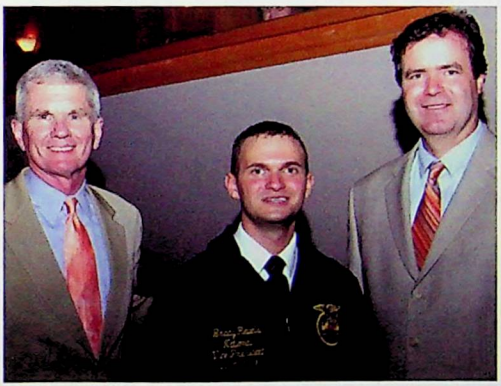
Adam Gore, a senior at Loris High School, was elected state secretary. He is the son of Deborah Gore and Donnie Gore of Loris, SC. His FFA advisor is Nate Bellamy, Agricultural Education instructor at Loris.

Caroline Sherard, a 2008 graduate of Abbeville High School, was elected state vice president for the Piedmont region. She is the daughter of Calvert and Suzie Sherard of Abbeville. Her FFA advisor is Fred Raines, Agricultural Education instructor at Abbeville.

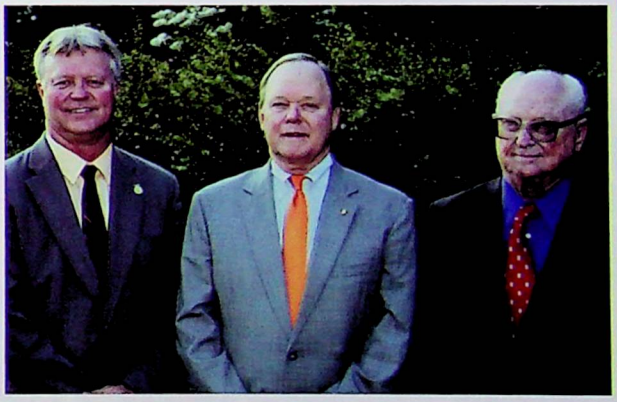
Will Amick, a 2008 graduate of Lexington High School, was elected state vice president representing the Mid-State region. He is the son of Blake and Dell Amick of Lexington. His FFA advisor is Tommy Harmon, Agricultural Education instructor at the Lexington Technology Center.

Matthew Adams, a 2008 graduate of Latta High School, was elected state vice president representing the Pee Dee region. He is the son of Ernie and Mary Adams of Hamer, SC. His FFA advisor is Aaron Miles, Agricultural Education instructor at Latta.

Krista McCuen, a senior at Midland Valley High School, was elected state vice president representing the Lower-State region. She is the daughter of William McCuen and Gina McCuen of Gloverville. Her FFA advisor is Jeremy Brooks, Agricultural Education instructor at Midland Valley High School.



Clemson University **President James F. Barker** (left), National FFA Vice President **Brady Revels** and **Dr. Alan Sams,** Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson, addressed the opening session of the state FFA convention. President Barker was awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree



W. Pat Earle (left) Agricultural Education instructor and FFA advisor at McBee High School, and **Bill Hendrix**, chairman of the Clemson University Board of Trustees and FFA alumnus of the McBee Chapter, with their FFA Advisor **E. B. Earle**, retired Agricultural Educator at McBee High School. Mr. Hendrix addressed the third general session of the convention where he was awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree. He was introduced to the convention audience by W. Pat Earle.

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left) with Barnwell FFA officer ***Devan***
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es, FFA Advisor ***Calvert Sherard*** *and*
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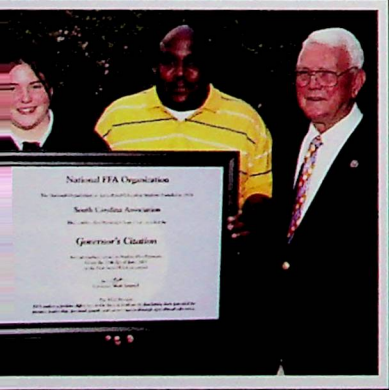


t) with Manning FFA officer ***Jessica***
Advisor ***Michael Haynes*** *and* ***Tom***
Walker.

South Carolina's Gold Emblem Chapters

Three Gold Emblem FFA chapters in South Carolina were named recipients of the Governor's Citation of Accomplishment at a special ceremony during the state FFA convention at Clemson University in June.

The **Barnwell County Career Center** FFA Chapter, under the direction of Agricultural Educator and FFA advisor **Mindy Sandifer**, received a citation for its superb accomplishments in community development. The **Calhoun Falls High School** Chapter, led by Agricultural Educator and FFA advisor **Calvert Sherard**, was awarded a citation for its impressive achievements in the chapter development category and the **Manning High School** chapter, guided by Agricultural Educator and FFA advisor **Michael Haynes,** received a citation for its outstanding success in student development.

The citations were presented by **Larry Rogers** of Columbia, an official with the USDA Farm Service Agency, sponsors the FFA Chapter Awards and Recognition Program. **Tom Walker,** executive director of the SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, a co-sponsor of the recognition program, presented each of the chapters a check for $1000 in recognition of their accomplishments as a Governor's Citation recipient.

Six other Gold Emblem chapters recognized during the ceremony were **Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, B.J. Skelton, Crescent** and **McBee.**

Silver Emblem Chapters Recognized

Six FFA chapters honored with the Silver Emblem Award were **Andrew Jackson, Belton-Honea Path, Carolina Forest, Central, Lakewood, Loris, R.D. Anderson ATC, Union Career and Technology Center, Wagener-Salley, Walhalla** and **West Oak.**

Bronze Emblem Chapters Named

Thirteen FFA chapters recognized with the Bronze Emblem Award included **Anderson 1 & 2 Career Center, Aynor, Blacksburg, Blythewood, Cherokee Technology Center, Clover, Edisto, Hillcrest, Johnsonville, Latta, Midland Valley, Sumter Career Center** and **Ware Shoals.**

South Carolina FFA Stars

Sox is State FFA Star Farmer

Ashley Sox of Pelion was named the State FFA Star Farmer by the SC FFA Association during an impressive ceremony at the State FFA Convention held at Clemson University in June. This is the highest award presented to an FFA member who is actively engaged in farming by the SC FFA Association. Only one student in the state may receive this honor in any given year.

A graduate of Pelion High School where she received the FFA chapter's Outstanding Senior Award, Ashley is co-owner of Dogwood Farms. She currently owns 25 head of registered Brangus cattle valued at more than $50,000. One of her Brangus bulls was among the highest priced animals at the Camp Colley Brangus Bull Sale in Alabama in 2007. She showed the Grand Champion Brangus bull in the Florida State Fair and the highest priced animal in the South Carolina State Fair dairy heifer sale in 2007.

As the State FFA Star Farmer, Ashley and her FFA advisor were awarded an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention in October in Indianapolis, Indiana, by the **South Carolina Cooperative Council**.

Ashley is the daughter of **Richard** and **Linda Sox** of Pelion. Her FFA advisor is **Frank R. Stover, Jr.**, Agricultural Education Instructor at Pelion High School.

*Ashley Sox with her parents, **Richard** and **Linda Sox** (at left) and FFA **Advisor Frank R. Stover, Jr.***

Price Named State FFA Star in Agribusiness

Nathan Price of Gilbert was named the State FFA Star in Agribusiness by the SC FFA Association at the State FFA Convention at Clemson University in June. This is the highest award presented to an FFA member who is actively engaged in an Agribusiness enterprise. Only one South Carolina student may receive this award in any given year.

Nathan is owner and operator of New Horizons Lawn Care and owns one hundred percent of the equipment used in this business. The equipment, originally acquired through a small business loan, was paid for during the first year of operation. He has a number of commercial contracts but his business concentrates on residential lawns in the Gilbert area.

In addition to the lawn care business, Nathan is co-owner of Foxtrail Farms which specializes in the production of Bobwhite quail. The farm produces more than 10,000 birds per year which are sold to hunting preserves throughout the state.

As the State FFA Star in Agribusiness, Nathan and his FFA advisor were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention to be held in October in Indianapolis, Indiana, by **Southern States Cooperative** and the **SC FFA Foundation.**

An active member of the Gilbert FFA Chapter, Nathan is the son of **Tim** and **Janet Price** of Gilbert. His FFA advisor is **Derrick Cooper**, Agricultural Education Instructor at Gilbert High School.

*Nathan Price (at left) is congratulated by **Derrick Cooper**.*

Gray is State FFA Star in Agricultural Placement

Jonathan Gray of Barnwell was recognized as the State FFA Star in Agricultural Placement by the SC FFA Association during the State FFA Convention at Clemson University in June. This is the highest award presented to an FFA member who is actively involved in agricultural placement. Only one South Carolina student may receive this award in any given year. He received an expense paid trip to the 2008 National FFA Convention compliments of the **SC FFA Foundation.**.

While in high school, Jonathan was employed by Steve Sandifer and Sons Farm, the Edisto Research and Education Center, the US Forest Service and the SC Department of Natural Resources.

Jonathan, president of his FFA chapter in 2007-08, was awarded a scholarship from the New Ellenton Agricultural Club and the SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association.

A state winner of the FFA Forest Management Proficiency award, Jonathan is a freshman at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College.

Jonathan is the son of **John E., Jr.**, and **Tina Gray** of Barnwell. His FFA advisor is **Mindy Sandifer,** Agricultural Education Instructor at Barnwell County Career Center.

*John E. Gray, Jr., (left) with **Jonathan Gray** and **Mindy Sanifer**.*

FFA Members and Advisors Present Plants to Landscape State House Grounds

FFA members and Agricultural Educators from throughout South Carolina contributed more than 400 flats of spring bedding plants to landscape the State House grounds at a special ceremony in Columbia on April 9.

The ***Presentation of Flowers Ceremony*** is an annual project of the SC FFA Association and the Agricultural Educators Organization. The plants were grown by FFA members who are enrolled in Horticulture, Green House Management or Landscape Technology courses taught by agricultural education instructors in secondary schools across the state.

Pat Black, Horticulture instructor at Branchville High School, presided at the event where the plants were prominently displayed on a section of the north steps of the State House. Mr. Black said "the goals of the project include making a contribution to beautify the grounds adjacent the State House while encouraging the public to develop a greater appreciation for the FFA and its mission." "We also want to create an ethic of civic responsibility in our students so they will be prepared to serve when they assume leadership positions in their professional careers," he emphasized.

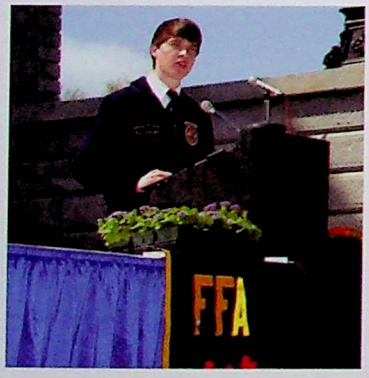
Pat Black (left) with Spencer McLeod, Commissioner Hugh Weathers and Harry DuBose

In his remarks at the ceremony, 2007-08 State FFA President **Spencer C. McLeod** said "FFA members experience a satisfying sense of accomplishment as we care for the plants in our school greenhouses for we know some of them will enhance the aesthetics of the State Capitol grounds." "We are keenly aware that thousands who visit these historic grounds over the next few months will enjoy the beauty created by the plants we have grown," he added.

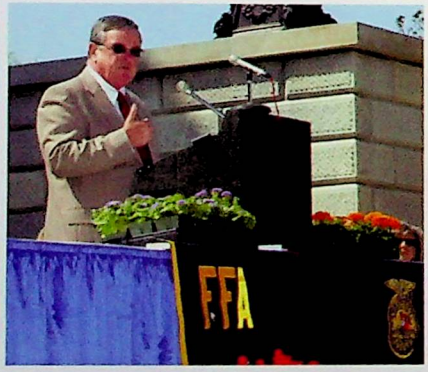
Plants on display at State House during ceremony

Harry DuBose, Horticulture instructor at Carolina Forest High School in Myrtle Beach and the 2007-08 president of the SC Agricultural Educators Association, said "among the most enjoyable and rewarding aspects of teaching Horticulture is observing students grow in scientific knowledge, self confidence and pride of accomplishment as they partner with nature to produce beautiful plants." "The greenhouse is one of the most popular of all the laboratories used to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students enrolled in agricultural education courses," he said.

The plants, valued at more than $5000, were presented to State Commissioner of Agriculture **Hugh Weathers.** The event received excellent media coverage by TV, radio and newspapers throughout South Carolina, including THE STATE in Columbia. A feature article with photo was carried in the MARKET BULLETIN which is published and distributed statewide by the SC Department of Agriculture.



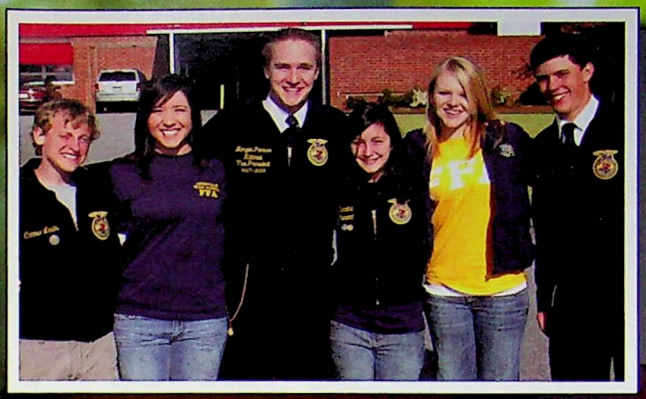
Spencer C. McLeod



Harry DuBose

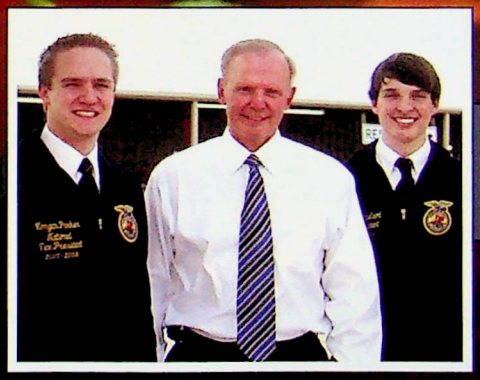
*Thurmond Technology Center FFA Advisor **Hugh Bland** introduces the State winning Nursery-Landscape team.*

National FFA Officer Visits South Carolina



*Abbeville FFA members **Conner Lewis** (left), **Kayla Price**, National FFA Officer **Morgan Parker**, more Abbeville FFA members **Caroline Sherard**, **Katie Simpson**. **Hunter Cooper is at right.***

Pelion FFA President ***James Shumpert*** (left) and ***Morgan Parker***



Morgan Parker** (left), **Dr. Jim Rex** and **Spencer McLeod

Morgan Parker (left) with Keenan FFA Vice President **Malik McClaney** and FFA Advisor **Willie Capehart**

National FFA Vice President **Morgan Parker** of Limon, Colorado, was in South Carolina April 17-19 visiting FFA chapters and participating in a state FFA event.

Morgan's tour began with a breakfast meeting hosted by **Abbeville** FFA members and Advisor **Fred Raines.** He was given a tour of the outstanding Agricultural Education Department facilities following the delicious meal. State FFA Secretary **Hunter Cooper** of Calhoun Falls welcomed Morgan to South Carolina.

The second stop was at Pelion High School where Morgan saw a state-of-the-art Agricultural Science and Natural Resources classroom, an agricultural engineering laboratory and modern greenhouse facility. He was welcomed to Pelion High School by Principal **Dr. Jean Haggard,** FFA Advisor **Frank R. Stover, Jr.,** FFA Chapter President **James Shumpert** and other FFA members.

Morgan's third visit was at McBee High School where he was welcomed by State FFA President and McBee Chapter member **Spencer McLeod**, Chapter President **Darus Williams,** FFA Advisor **W. Pat Earle,** State Superintendent of Education **Dr. Jim Rex,** Chesterfield County School District Superintendent **Dr. John Williams**, Chesterfield County School District Chairman and McBee FFA Alumnus **Jerry Holley**, State FFA officers **Hunter Cooper** and **Desiree Kinneer**, and local FFA members. The group also visited the McLeod Farms near McBee.

Morgan spent April 19 in Columbia with FFA members and advisors at the SC FFA Super Saturday CDE Day hosted by Keenan High School FFA Vice President **Malik McClaney** and FFA Advisor **Willie Capehart.**

South Carolina FFA Center Renovations Dedicated

A special ceremony, held on June 24, to dedicate the renovations at the SC FFA Center in North Myrtle Beach was led by State Representative **William D. Witherspoon** of Conway, chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Harry DuBose of Myrtle Beach, the 2007-08 president of the SC Agricultural Educators Association and Agriculture Education instructor at Carolina Forest High School, presided over the event. Others in attendance included the state FFA officer team, State FFA Association staff, Clemson University Agricultural Education Administrative staff, agricultural educators, FFA members and representatives of the news media.

State Representative Witherspoon secured a $100,000 grant from the Competitive Grants Program of the State Budget and Control Board based on a proposal prepared and submitted by **John W. Parris,** state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association.

The funds were used to replace the roof and floor of the dining hall and replace the floor and light fixtures in the gymnasium.

According to Zane Bryant, resident director of the Center, agricultural educators and FFA members who attended programs there during the summer were thrilled with the improvements.

The Center, opened in 1957 under the direction of **H.C. Edens**, was a state-of-the-art facility at that time and his been used to train and inspire thousands of South Carolina's FFA members for more than 50 years.

Officials participating in the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony were Billy Keels (left), state director of Agricultural Education with Clemson University; Zane Bryant, resident director of the Center; John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association; State Representative William D. Witherspoon; Harry DuBose, president of the SC Agricultural Educators Organization and K. Flint Holbrook, state president of the SC FFA Association.

State FFA officers Flint Holbrook (left), Matthew Adams, Will Amick, Adam Gore, Krista McCuen and Caroline Sherard examine the new floor in the cafeteria.

FFA Officers Participate in Food Expo at State House

State FFA officers Hunter Cooper (left) and Brittany Mixson with Lexington FFA President Will Amick and State FFA officer Desiree Kinneer represented the SC FFA Association at an event known as *A South Carolina Taste* Expo held at the State House on May 7, 2008.

Sponsored by the Palmetto Agriculture and Food Industry Council, the purpose of the Expo was to acquaint state law-makers and other officials with the quality, diversity and economic importance of food products grown, processed and marketed in South Carolina. A number of venders served samples of beef, milk, ice cream, vegetables, fruits, spreads and specialty items such as alligator.

The FFA officers had an opportunity to interact with a number of state legislators, other government officials and agricultural industry representatives. They were accompanied by **John W. Parris**, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA who coordinated their participation, and **Keith Cox,** state FFA executive secretary-treasurer with Clemson University.

Brooks Heads Sports Turf Managers Association

David Brooks, Agricultural Education instructor and sports turf manager at Hillcrest High School, is serving as president of the SC Sports Turf Managers Association for 2008

Members of this association manage the sports fields of schools, colleges and universities, parks and recreation departments as well as those used by professional teams throughout the state.

A highlight of activities this year included a Sports Turf Managers Conference and Luncheon in the West End Zone of the Clemson Football Stadium. The program was followed by a Turf Management Equipment Expo in Death Valley.

Mike Echols, Supervisor of Athletic Grounds at Clemson, hosted the conference. **Clark Cox**, Sports Turf Manager at the University of South Carolina and a former state FFA officer in North Carolina, also participated in the event.

State FFA Secretary **Hunter Cooper** and **John W. Parris**, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association, were guests of the association for the conference and expo. Hunter returned to Clemson to shadow Mr. Echols as a grounds crew member. He is now a student at Horry-Georgetown Technical College majoring in Turf Management.

***David Brooks** (left) with **Clark Cox**, **Mike Echols** and **Hunter Cooper** at Sports Turf Equipment Expo in Death Valley.*

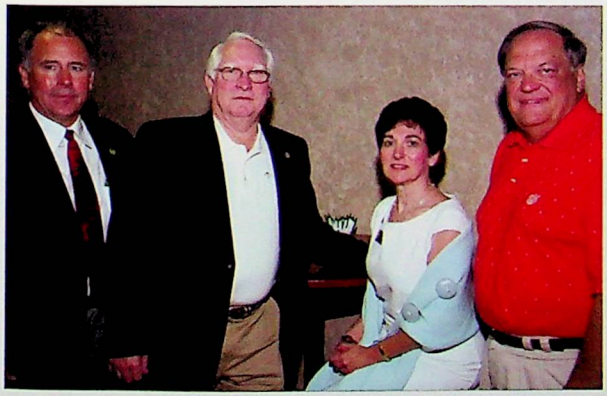
Farm Credit Associations Sponsor FFA Advisor Reception

AgSouth Farm Credit Association and **Arbor*One* Financial** co-sponsored a recognition reception for South Carolina's FFA advisors during the State FFA Convention at Clemson University, June 11-13, 2008.

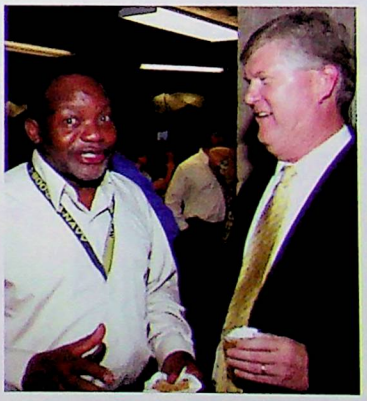
Farm Credit officials who attended the event included **Ronnie Summers**, the South Carolina Divisional President of AgSouth Farm Credit, Orangeburg; **Miriam Pflug,** Vice President for Marketing with AgSouth Farm Credit, Spartanburg; **Don Boice,** Vice President, Arbor*One*, Florence; and **Owen Smith**, Chief Lending Officer, AgSouth Farm Credit from Spartanburg.

FFA advisors from throughout the state attended the reception. They are grateful to the Farm Credit Associations for partnering with the FFA in such an inspiring manner.

***Josh Waters** (left), Newberry County Career Center FFA advisor, and **Genie Archer**, R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center FFA advisor; with **Ronnie Summers**.*

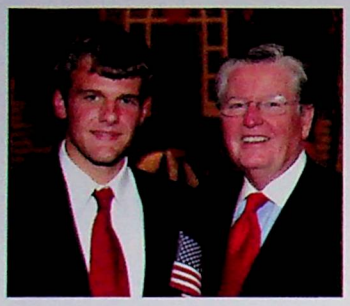


***Owen Smith**, **Don Boice**, **Miriam Pflug** and **Pat Black**, FFA advisor at Branchville High School.*



***Thomas Dawkins** (left), FFA advisor at Estill High School, with **Ronnie Summers**.*

Holbrook Attends *Carolina Celebration of Liberty*



***Flint Holbrook** (left) is welcomed to the Carolina Celebration of Liberty at First Baptist Church Columbia by **Dr. Wendell Estep**, Pastor of the church.*

State FFA President **Flint Holbrook** of Clover joined thousands in attendance at the twenty first annual *CAROLINA CELEBRATION OF LIBERTY* at the First Baptist Church in downtown Columbia on Sunday, June 29. Holbrook was welcomed to the event by **Dr. Wendell Estep,** Pastor of the church.

Under the direction of **Steve Phillips**, Minister of Music at the church, the event is a superb patriotic musical production by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, Fort Jackson's 282 Army Band and other participants, including representatives of all branches of the military. It is designed to honor those who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces and to honor our Godley heritage and freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

US Senator Lindsey Graham and military leaders from the area brought greetings to an overflow crowd.

The *CELEBRATION OF LIBERTY*, televised statewide by the SC ETV Network and on other stations on July 4, was emceed by WIS-TV personality **Joe Pinner.**

Flint Holbrook in the Sanctuary with the Choir and Orchestra in the background

FFA Members Achieve Academic Excellence

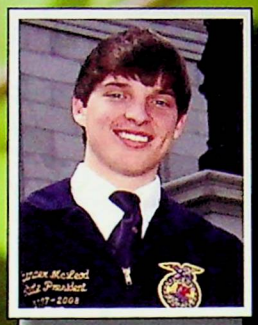
Jacob Coursey, president of the Abbeville FFA Chapter during the past school year, was selected the Star Student of the 2008 graduation class at Abbeville High School. As Star Student, Jacob was the first Honor Speaker (equivalent to Valedictorian) for the graduation ceremony. Jacob also served as president of the Student Council. He is a freshman at Clemson University. **Fred Raines** is Jacob's FFA Advisor.

McBee High School Student Council President **Spencer C. McLeod** who also served as State President of the SC FFA Association in 2007-08, was named Valedictorian of his graduation class. Spencer is a freshman at Clemson University.

Jessica Howle, an active member and officer of the McBee FFA Chapter, was named Salutatorian of her 2008 graduation class. Jessica is a freshman at Clemson University.

The top two members of the McBee High School graduating class in 2008 were FFA members. **Pat Earle** is Spencer and Jessica's FFA Advisor.

Jacob Coursey



Spencer McLeod

Jessica Howle

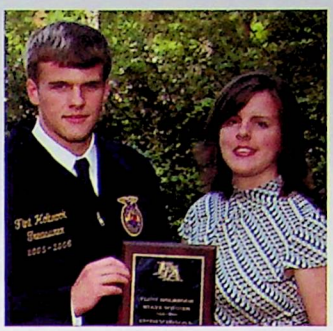
Gilbert FFA Chapter Awarded New Tractor

The Gilbert FFA Chapter was presented a new tractor during the summer by Odell Barnes of Gilbert. Mr. Barnes, president of Barnes and Associates and owner of the Murray Town Arena, purchased the New Holland TT45A tractor from the Fairfield Tractor Company in Columbia.

"The new tractor is a tremendous addition to our Agricultural Engineering Laboratory," said Derrick Cooper, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA advisor at Gilbert High School. "It will definitely help inspire our students to achieve greatness in their quest for an education in agricultural technology," Mr. Cooper emphasized.

*FFA members (at left) **Karen Koontz** and **Shelby Towned** with **Derrick Cooper**, **Odell Barnes** and other FFA members **Rachel Temple** and **Bailey Oliger**.*

State FFA Career Development Event Champions and other Member News



K. Flint Holbrook, a member of the Clover FFA Chapter, was first place winner in the State Extemporaneous Speaking Finals and awarded an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention by the SC FFA Foundation to compete in the National Finals.

He was also named recipient of the State FFA Individual Award and presented a $500 scholarship by John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association.

Flint's FFA advisor is **Carrie C. Bolin** (pictured above).

Stephanie Johnson (center), a member of the Anderson FFA Chapter and state winner in the FFA Creed Speaking Finals for tenth grade students in their first year of Agricultural Education, was awarded an expense-paid trip to the Washington FFA Leadership Conference by the SC Young Farmer-Agribusiness Association.

She was also the state champion in the Job Interview competition and awarded an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention by Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

Stephanie's FFA advisors are **Ashley Granata** (left in photo) and **Jay Copelan.**

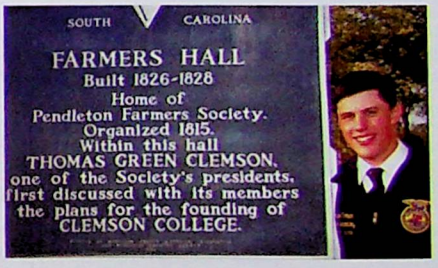
Suzette Sharpe, a member of the Lexington Technology Center FFA Chapter and state winner in the FFA Prepared Public Speaking Finals, was awarded an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention by the SC FFA Foundation to compete in the National Finals.

Her FFA advisor is **Tommy Harmon.** (photo here)

Emily Hendrix, a member of the Crescent FFA Chapter, was state winner in the FFA Greenhand Speaking Finals. She was awarded an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention by the SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association to compete in the National Finals.

Her FFA advisor is **Roger Estridge.** (photo here)

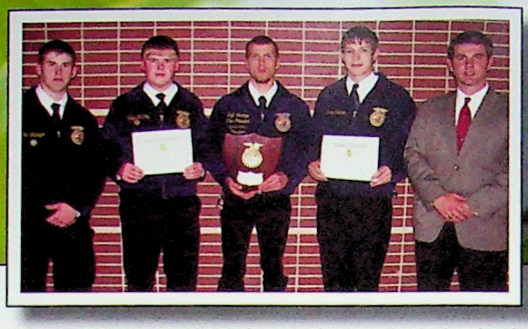
William Nelson (second from right), a member of the Laurens FFA Chapter and former State FFA officer, is recipient of the **Jack P. Corn** Memorial Scholarship for 2008. The scholarship was presented by **John Corn**, son of the late Mr. Corn, and Mrs. **Jane Corn** (left), wife of the late Mr. Corn. William's FFA advisor is **Melanie Birchmore**, at right in the photo.



Hunter Cooper, a member of the Calhoun Falls FFA Chapter and former State FFA Secretary, was inducted into the historic Pendleton Farmer Society in April 2008. The Society, organized in 1815, has been meeting in the Farmers Hall for 180 years. It is the oldest farmers hall in continuous use in the country.

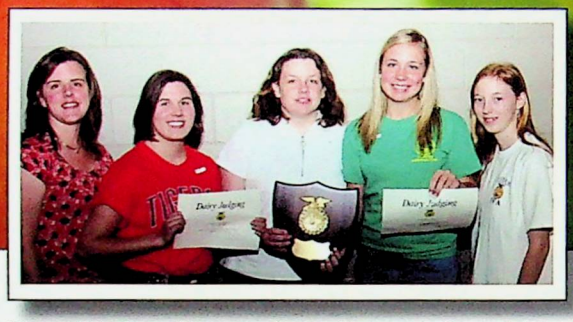
South Carolina FFA State Champion

Ridge Spring-Monetta State Champion FFA Livestock Evaluation team members **Drake Yon** (left), **Anthony Rauton, Sally Yon** and **Caleb Miller** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by **Carhartt** to compete in the National Finals. Advisor **Michael Crim** (not pictured) will accompany the team.



Woodmont FFA State Champion Agricultural Mechanization team members **Pruitt Flanagan** (left), **Caleb McCoy, Steven Jennings** and **Bruce Creamer** with Advisor **Kyle Hatcher** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **SC FFA Foundation** to compete in the National Finals.

Abbeville FFA State Champion Dairy Foods Team Advisor **Fred Raines** (left) and team members **Bryan Glace, Brianna Noblin, Casey Powell** and **Devan Herron** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **Clemson University Spring Dairy Show** to compete in the National Finals.

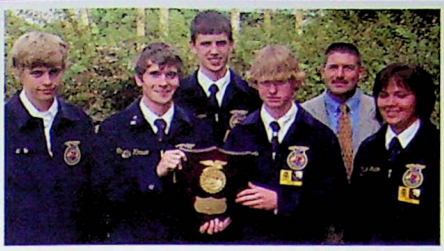


Clover FFA State Champion Dairy Evaluation Team Advisor **Carrie C. Bolin** (left) and team members **Brittany Stewart, Kelsey Coble, Kelsey Bridges** and **Katie Long** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **Clemson University Spring Dairy Show** to compete in the National Finals.

Strom Thurmond Technology Center FFA Division Envirothon Champion team members **Sam Northrop** (left), **Walt Morgan, Zach Rearden, Ryan Williams** and **Justin Padgett** along with Advisor **Hugh Bland** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **SC Soil and Water Conservation Society** to compete in the National Environmental and Natural Resources Finals.

Latta FFA State Champion Farm Business Management Team Advisor **Aaron Miles** (left) and team members **Daniel Vance, Kate Allen, Kerry Lee Cox** and **Jessie Brown** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FA Convention by the **SC FFA Foundation** to compete in the National Finals.

Career Development Event Teams

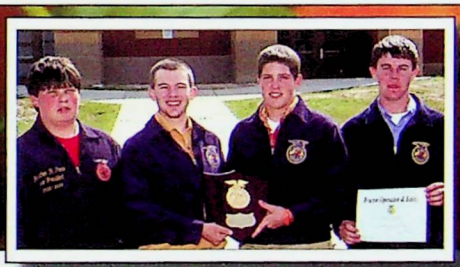


Anderson I & II Technology Center FFA State Champion Poultry Evaluation team members **Tom Hansen** (left), **Timmy Knauer, Cameron Durham, Neal Morris** and **Crystal Keaton** along with Team Advisor **Steve McGaha** (second from right) were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **SC FFA Foundation** to compete in the National Finals.

Manning FFA State Champion Parliamentary Procedure team members **Shereka Williams** (left), **Deleshia McFadden, Catelyn Anderson**, Team Advisor **Michael Haynes** (center), Other team members **Myesha Rush, Asley O'Brien, Darius Blanding, Stephanie Mack** and **Andrea Coker** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **USDA National Agricultural Statistical Service** and the **SC FFA Foundation** to compete in the National Finals

Wagener-Salley FFA State Champion Tool Identification team members **Daniel Shumpert** (left), **Ethan Busbee, Josh Yon** and **Samuel Leguizamon** were coached by **Allen Williams,** Agricultural Education Instructor at Wagener-Salley High School.

Manning FFA State Knowledge Bowl Champion Team Advisor **Michael Haynes** (left) with team members **Ashia Stokes, Kenyatta Oliver, Gianni Nelson** and **Valerie Henry** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **SC FFA Foundation** to compete in the National Finals.



Wagener-Salley FFA State Champion Tractor Operators team members **Kenny Reynolds** (left), **Derek Shealy, Trevor West** and **Ethan Busbee** were coached by FFA Advisor **Allen Williams**. This competition was sponsored by **Carolina Tractor** and **Marine & Mahindra USA.**

B. J. Skelton FFA State Champion Agronomy Team Advisor **David Jenson** (left) with team members **Emily Barnes, Aaron Porter, Brooks Barnes** and **Rose McCollum** were awarded expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention by the **SC FFA Foundation** to compete in the National Finals.

Dacusville Middle School FFA State Champion Round Robin team members **Taylor Cox** (left), **Lexie Harbin, Kendra Nix** and **Connor Henderson** were coached by FFA Advisor **Amy New.** They competed at the SC Super Saturday FFA Career Development Event Day in Columbia in April.

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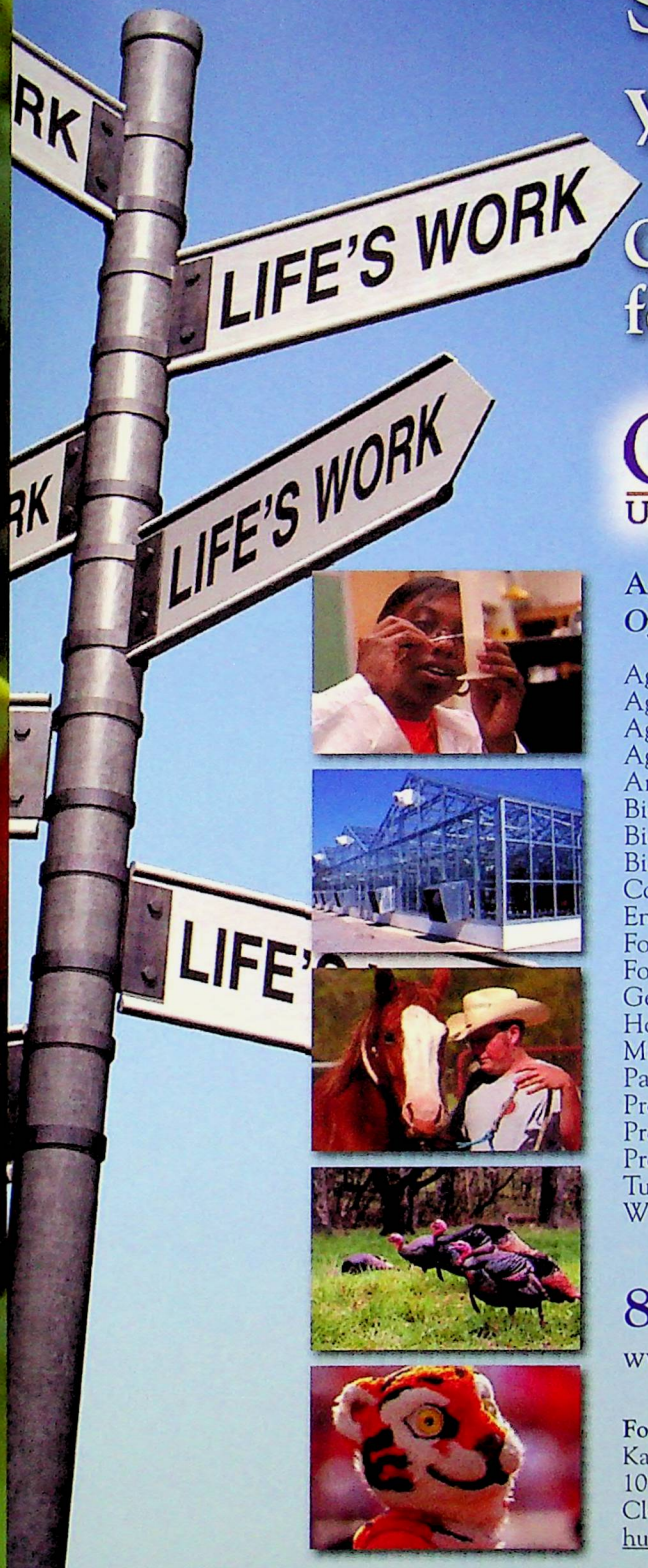

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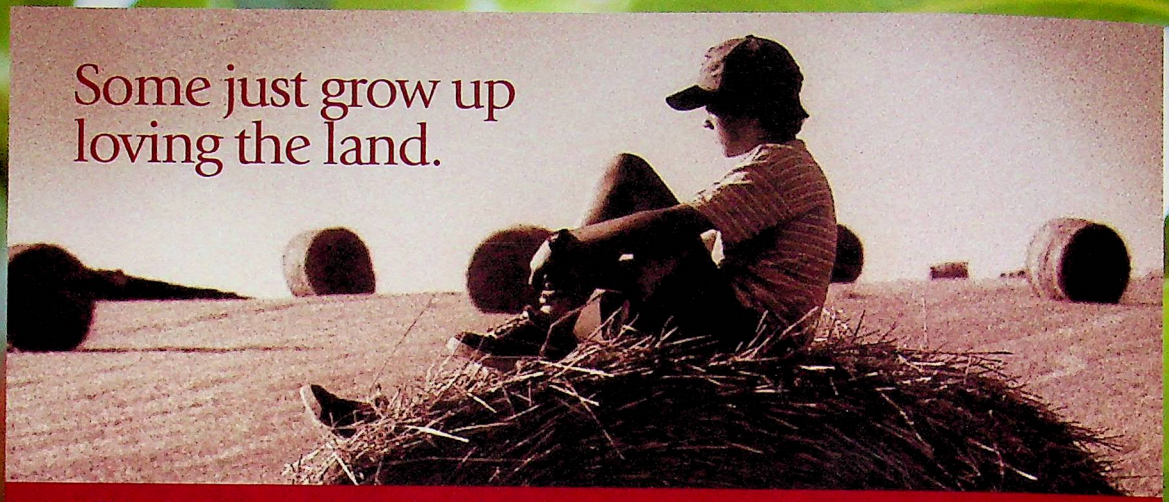

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